

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County **Department of Senior Affairs**

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The City of Albuquerque's Department of Senior Affairs Honors Their Volunteers at a Recognition Breakfast!

ALBUQUERQUE—Mayor Richard J. Berry and Department of Senior Affairs Director Jorja Armijo-Brasher will honor hundreds of senior volunteers this morning at the department's annual volunteer recognition breakfast, sponsored by the Lovelace Medicare Plan at the Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town at 9:00 a.m. The City of Albuquerque's Department of Senior Affairs relies heavily on volunteers to ensure that seniors in our community have access to a variety of programs, activities, and services offered by their department.

"I am glad that I have the privilege of recognizing and honoring the seniors who give back to our community through volunteer service." said Mayor Richard J. Berry. "The Department of Senior Affairs appreciates all of the assistance they receive from their outstanding volunteers. This fiscal year, approximately 1,100 volunteers with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program have recorded approximately 143,152 hours of service to the Albuquerque community. These hours translate to more than \$3.1 million dollars!"

The City of Albuquerque's Department of Senior Affairs provides a wide array of volunteer opportunities for citizens in the community who are 55 years old and older. Seniors can volunteer at any senior or multigenerational center, in the classrooms at Albuquerque Public Schools, in the homes of other seniors who are homebound, etc. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities in the community, contact the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at (505) 764-1616, Monday -Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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